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# BERNCo at a Glance

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## ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Wednesday of month  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017  
9 a.m.

## BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Zoning Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
5 p.m.

Fiscal Year 2018  
Budget Hearings  
Tuesday, April 11, 2017  
8 a.m.

Administrative Meeting  
Tuesday, April 25, 2017  
5 p.m.

*All meetings listed above  
are held in the  
Vincent E. Griego Chambers  
in the basement of the  
city/county  
government building.*

*One Civic Plaza  
Fifth Street  
and Marquette NW,  
unless indicated otherwise*

## Property Owners are Reminded — Taxes Due April 10

The second half of this year's property tax bill is due on April 10, and county property owners again have many options to pay their taxes. Taxes are delinquent after May 11, 2017. Property owners can pay their taxes by mail, online or by simply coming into the Treasurer's Office in person in the basement of One Civic Plaza NW.

For info on tax savings programs including exemptions, please visit the County Assessor's Tax Savings Programs web page. The Treasurer's Office can be reached at (505) 468-7031.

Learn more at [www.bernco.gov/treasurer/default.aspx](http://www.bernco.gov/treasurer/default.aspx).

Property tax bills for 2016 were sent Nov. 2, 2016. The first half was due on Nov. 10, 2016.



## Behavioral Health Initiative Update

Bernalillo County is committed to leveraging and expanding existing resources within the community that will improve behavioral health outcomes and reduce crime related to substance use disorders.

Three more behavioral health initiatives were recently approved that move toward that goal:

- Expanding the use of naloxone to individuals discharging from the Metropolitan Detention Center or Bernalillo County's Department of Addiction Treatment Services
- Expanding the medication assisted treatment program
- Establishing an Addiction Treatment Advisory Board

Additionally, funding for a peer driven support services program in an amount up to \$300,000 was approved. The county will now solicit requests for proposals to contract peer support services. For more details about these initiatives or more information about the behavioral health initiative, please visit [www.bernco.gov/BehavioralHealth](http://www.bernco.gov/BehavioralHealth).



Commissioner Lonnie Talbert invites the community to join the fun at the

**2017 Day in Paradise** event happening Sunday, April 30 from 1-5 p.m. The family-friendly event takes place at the Paradise Hills Park located at 5901 Paradise Blvd. NW.

Free entertainment, jumpers and games. There will also be food booths, info booths and face painting. *See you there!*



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BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK

**How to Build a Culture of Success at Your Company:****What's on the Inside Matters**

**Thursday, April 6, at the offices of Dekker/Perich/Sabatini, 7601 Jefferson St. NE, No. 100, in Albuquerque.**

**Registration starts at 7:30 a.m., program begins promptly at 8 a.m.**

Business leaders, entrepreneurs and nonprofit leaders are invited to a free breakfast business summit to learn about creating and sustaining a culture of success for organizations large and small. Join local business leaders for breakfast and a panel discussion, and learn how to create and sustain a positive work environment, reduce turnover, enhance morale and maintain productivity through times of growth, challenge and change. **Seating is limited. RSVP to Shawn Perry-Turner at [spturner@bernco.gov](mailto:spturner@bernco.gov).**

*Sponsored by Commissioner Lonnie Talbert, coordinated by BernCo's Economic Development Department.*

**Bernalillo County Great American Cleanup**

**Saturday, April 22 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

Looking for individuals, families, neighborhood associations, sports teams, church groups, schools, garden clubs, civic leagues, military groups, business leaders and anyone else interested in a beautiful community to adopt a location in your community and do a cleanup. Just go to the community center closest to you to pick up your supplies and dispose of your litter: Raymond G.

Sanchez Community Center, Westside Community Center, Paradise Hills Community Center, Los Vecinos Community Center or the Stanford Center. Visit [www.bernco.gov](http://www.bernco.gov) for street addresses. Trash bags will be supplied to all registrants; and t-shirts, gloves and goodie bags (while supplies last). For more information or to register, please contact Chamar Garrison at (505) 314-0478 or [GAC@bernco.gov](mailto:GAC@bernco.gov).

**National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day**

**Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**US Army National Guard, 600 Wyoming Blvd. NE**

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and medications. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these

# Got Drugs?

drugs. Americans are now advised that their usual methods for disposing of unused medicines—flushing them down the toilet or throwing them in the trash—both pose potential safety and health hazards.

**South Valley Pool and Rio Bravo Facilities Master Plan Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 3 beginning at 6 p.m.**

**Rio Bravo Meal Site, 3910 Isleta Blvd. SW**

Discussions about the master planning, design and construction of improvements to the South Valley Pool, South Valley Skate Park, Rio Bravo Park and South Valley Little League facilities.

*Get outside this April and experience the beauty of BernCo's open spaces that are abounding with new blooms, birds and butterflies. More details about these activities at [www.bernco.gov/OpenSpace](http://www.bernco.gov/OpenSpace).*



### **Voices from the Past**

**April 6, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW**

**Presenter - Robert Torrez** | Voices from the Past is an exploration of the vast treasure of untold stories found in New Mexico's Spanish, Mexican and Territorial period archives.

### **Bird Walk at Ojito de San Antonio Open Space**

**April 8, 8:30 - 10 a.m. at 30 San Antonio Dr. Cedar Crest, NM**

Join master naturalist volunteers on a spring walk at this historic property that has been identified as a birding hotspot by Central New Mexico Audubon Society.

### **El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro: The Route**

**April 8, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW**

**Presenter - Hilario Romero** | El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro is the Royal Road stemming from Mexico City to New Mexico and was central to the settling of New Mexico beginning in 1598. Discover the rich history of hardships, conquests, and enchanting tales of this historic trail.

### **Historic Orchards in New Mexico**

**April 9, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at 82 Carlito Springs Rd., Tijeras, NM**

**Presenter - William Carleton, PhD Candidate at UNM**

Carlito Springs is one of many sites throughout New Mexico that has historic orchards. Hear the stories behind how these fruit trees came to New Mexico and efforts to preserve these rare varieties. The event will be followed up by a tour with master naturalist volunteers.

### **Rainwater Harvesting in a Changing Climate**

**April 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW**

**Presenter - Christian Meuli** | Learn about techniques that "slow, spread and soak" rainwater, sinking it into the soil where it can support plants that "shade the soil from the sun and wind."

### **Backyard Farming Series: Successful Plant Practices & Selecting Materials**

**April 22, 9 a.m. - noon at Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW**

Workshop will present the numerous benefits of native and well-adapted plants to New Mexico while identifying the problems and management strategies for dealing with invasive plants. The second session will discuss the use of landscape materials from ground cover to garden materials.

### **Just Before Dinosaurs Ruled the Earth:**

#### **Vertebrates from the Last Triassic of New Mexico**

**April 23, 5 - 6:30 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW**

At the end of the Triassic period, about 200 million years ago, dinosaurs became the dominant animals in terrestrial ecosystems for the next 140 million years. In order to understand how this happened, we need to examine the ecosystems just before the turnover.

### **Plant Walk, Garden Talk: Medicinal Plants in Folk Healing**

**April 30, 1 - 3 p.m. at Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW**

**Presenter - Dianne Rand** | Learn how to plant and care for new medicinal and native plants, as well as make an herbal tincture using a simple folk method.

### **Epic Hide and Seek (and other outdoor games)**

**April 30, 1:30 - 3 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW**

**Presenter - Cass Landrum with Cottonwood Gulch**

### **Geology of the Rio Grande**

**April 30, 3:30 - 5 p.m. at Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW**

**Presenter - Jack Oviatt, Professor of Geology**

Explore the landscape seen today along the Rio Grande as a snapshot in the long history of the constantly changing earth.



## BernCo Water Conservation Ordinance Effective April 1

This ordinance applies to residents, who live in the unincorporated areas of Bernalillo County, outside of the city limits. Water restrictions include no outside sprinkler watering between the hours of 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., the hottest part of the day. If you have a timer, make sure to set it to water before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. Now is also the time to tune-up sprinkler systems, check for leaks and check sprinkler heads for overspray onto sidewalks or into the road, making adjustments accordingly.

For more information and water conservation tips, visit [www.bernco.gov/water](http://www.bernco.gov/water).



## Safely Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste

*Household hazardous waste is any unused or left over materials containing toxic chemicals.*

Safely dispose of household hazardous waste at:

Advanced Chemical Transport located at  
6137 Edith Blvd. NE.

**Open Monday, Wednesday, Friday**

**8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**Saturday 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**(Closed Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday)**

This is a **FREE** service. More info at [www.bernco.gov/household-hazardous-waste-4261](http://www.bernco.gov/household-hazardous-waste-4261).



## TALK TO US!

### Bernalillo County wants to hear from you!

*Proposal to Change the Name of East Mountain Library in Tijeras to **Tomás Herrera Library**.*

BernCo is seeking public input on a current proposal to rename the East Mountain Library in honor of long-time sheriff's deputy Tomas "Tom" Herrera, who passed away in 2001.

The East Mountain Library is located at 487 NM 333, Tijeras, New Mexico 87059 in Bernalillo County Commission District 5.

Deputy Herrera began his law enforcement career in the East Mountains in 1943. He retired as a Bernalillo County sheriff's sergeant in 1982 and passed away in 2001 at the age of 84. Herrera was well-known and loved for his passion and dedication to his job as a law enforcement officer. Those who knew him say he took his work to heart, taking very good care of residents who lived in the East Mountains. He did so for 40 years, and for many of those years, he was the only deputy assigned to cover the vast East Mountain area.

To make a comment, please visit,

[www.bernco.gov/Government/comment-on-renaming-county-buildings-facilities.aspx](http://www.bernco.gov/Government/comment-on-renaming-county-buildings-facilities.aspx).

## NEED Neighborhood Association Resources?

Contact BernCo neighborhood coordinator Darrell Dady at (505) 468-7364 or [ddady@bernco.gov](mailto:ddady@bernco.gov).